



# Emblazened Ledger

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FOR ALL the white stones set by the way down the long vista of the centuries there is none that marks a more glorious event than that which beat the destruction of the British Empire. The "divine right of kings" had been the creed that the world had preached with fire and sword for centuries, but from the mountains and valleys of the New World, from humble cabin and white-painted house, shores of the inland seas and the banks of mighty rivers the sons of a people who had learned the doctrine of freedom from nature herself ascended, when those brave patriots, our forefathers, made that memorable declaration which caused tremors to shake their thrones and oppression to grow pale under his gaudy trappings of robes and crown.

The doom of king-craft and priest-craft was then and there pronounced, and in the clear light of the new day, men and women knew well that that had long been hidden under the dust of superstition and error. Democracy had banished the dreams of the fanatic, the chimes of the bala of the poet; but one hundred and sixteen years under the sun of freedom have taught that it is the throne in the center of the universe, and that Liberty under law, the law made by the people, is the most perfect form of government the world has ever seen.

The struggle to free ourselves from the grasp of tyranny was bitter and long, but the result of that struggle when it seemed hopeless. The young nation, weak in numbers and resources, was confronted by an enemy whose wealth was inexhaustible and whose military resources were enormous, and, had not God been with the brave men whose watch-word was "Liberty," their cause would have been lost.

The principles they asserted their posterity has proven, and upon every anniversary of our nation's birth the loyal hearts of its people renew their plighted faith to our national institutions.

Our flag has waved over many a bloody and hard-fought field since the declaration of independence sent a thrill through all Europe; but the world has seen no such scene of golden with flowers, and peace, mild-eyed and beautiful, broods over the land, and plenty pours from her horn the fruits of honest toil, sufficient not only for our own people, but for the



*Flag of the free heart's hope and home! By angel hands to valor given;  
Thy stars have lit the welkin dome, And all thy hues were born in heaven.  
Forever float that standard sheet! Where breathes the foe but falls before us,  
With Freedom's soil beneath our feet, And Freedom's banner streaming o'er us!*



**PROLOGUE.**  
A boy stood by the open door,--  
Whence all but he had fled;--  
"I don't know what this thing will do,  
But I'll find out, I'll find out."

**EPilogue.**  
This shows you where a little shot  
Can sometimes hit a very hard.

## HISTORY OF A NOVEL BADGE.

Origin of the Celebrated 5-15-22 of Mayville Commandery.

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lemen, all Cincinnatians are, and who brought with him from the "ould sod" a sufficient tinge of brogue to make his wit enjoyable, opened his question-box by the following combination:

"How many members came with you?" he asked of one of the number.

"Five," was the response.

"And you brought a band of music with you?" queried Ellard as his eyes assumed the shape of a Hariland saucer.

"Yes, a band of fifteen pieces," was the answer from two or three at once.

These Gentry's eyes fell upon the

## HOW HE WAS IMPOSED UPON.

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## A Word to Republicans.

The hour of the party has come—the epoch of a new effort to save the country. The public—He who reads or otherwise helps to support a Democratic paper to the exclusion of one of his own party newspapers is untrue to the Republican cause.

Unanimously supported by the National Republican League.

I. S. CLARKSON, President.

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On this the one hundred and sixteenth anniversary of the Independence of the United States, THE LEDGER appears in tone and color appropriate to the occasion. There is no occasion to every American to be peculiar, and patriotic charm to the hues of our National emblem, and it has remained for THE LEDGER to find incorporate them in the issue of a Mayville newspaper.

THE LEDGER believes in teaching the youth of the land the lessons of patriotism, and there is no surer way of doing this than by inspiring them with a love and veneration for the Flag of their Country—that Flag under which WASHINGTON achieved our Independence and under which the United States has become at once the most populous and prosperous and powerful Nation of the earth; under which our people have grown richer and happier than those of any other land; under whose generous folds the oppressed peoples of the earth have found welcome and protection.

The Fourth will be celebrated in Mayville in a patriotic way.

Let Young America, for this day at least, have full scope.

And after the sunrise guns are fired and the crackling apple-bud hung, let old and young alike pull the electric street cars and go the Fair Grounds, where the Patriotic Order Sons of America will present a program which every loyal American dust, heartily indorse.

The only policy that THE LEDGER has to-day is the politics of patriotism.

BREATHE there a man with soul so dead who never to himself hath said—this is the glorious Fourth of July plurius vnum!

This is the day when political differences should be buried, and when every mother's son of should be proud that he is an American citizen.

PARKERSBURG, W. Va. has four brass bands.

THUSS is a garden in China with an area of 10,000 square miles, so large, as fact as New York and Pennsylvania combined. Here a 400 call for more missionaries!

MR. ROCKEFELLER has probably been suffering from a slight indisposition. He has given \$50,000 for Baptist Church work in Chicago and \$40,000 to Vassar College for a new professorship.

A BIRTHDAY gift was given to a wife by her husband and three children. The youngest, a little ten-year-old, was apportioned a portion of the gift. She said, "She did it after much preparation for the occasion, and this was the form it took: "Dear mamma, this gift is presented to you by your three children and your one husband."

In a graveyard—White Pine, Cal., there have been found recently purified human bodies in many kinds of dress, miners, desperadoes with their knives and pistols stuck all around their waists, and persons of all descriptions. While Pine 25 years ago was one of the most populous cities of the West, many iron works being erected, but to-day only a few remain standing, most of them having fallen and decayed. It is owing to the lime water in that section that the bodies have been turned to stone.

A good use on the Editor.

DRAKE'S Magazine.—There is a story told of a veteran night editor who, for some reason, had a couple of nights off. For years he had reached his home about 6 o'clock in the morning, slept until late in the afternoon, and been obliged to run off to his work in the children's paper, but never had time to do it. On one occasion he found it necessary to correct his youngest daughter for some flagrant breach of discipline. The child rushed to her mother, flushed with indignation: "Mamma," she exclaimed, "that man wir whisks that sleeps here thytimes panned me."

Excessive Economy.

DETROIT TRIBUNE.—Excessive economy is an evil which does not find lodgment in the advanced theories of the idealist. In practice, however, it still lurks in all classes of society, and on a great deal of the work which we do. Many of us have resigned against the monster without even a struggle, and a few bold pioneers have led lives which were a standing rebuke to the great enemy of happiness, but the fact remains that the great multitude of mankind is equally within the clutches of the habit of excessive economy.

Would that ledger might remember that the world is full of millions and millions of people who have no money to live on.

And then there are many who have no money to live on.

That he who borrows without paying it back will then be seen that nobody ever gets rich by economizing.

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